



# Memorandum

To: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

From: Councilmember Madison P. Nguyen

Subject: Approval to Travel

Date: June 4, 2009

Approved

Madison P. Nguyen -

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## RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the following travel request:

Authorization for:

Councilmember Madison P. Nguyen

Speaking Engagement:

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA) [www.apalanet.org](http://www.apalanet.org)  
\*Will serve as a panelist at the 10<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention "Generations  
United, Organizing For Change"

Travel Dates:

Las Vegas, Nevada: July 9-11, 2009

Source of funds:

Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance (APALA)  
No City Funds will be used for travel. Transportation and lodging will be  
funded by APALA which will be reported on Form 700.

Background:

In 1992, over 500 Asian Pacific American (APA) labor activists from around the country gathered in Washington D.C. for the founding convention of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance, AFL-CIO.

Prior to the founding convention several local APA labor groups were formed. The Asian American Labor Committee in New York, the Asian American Federation of Union Members in San Francisco, and the Alliance of Asian Pacific Labor in Los Angeles in Los Angeles were all created to meet regional labor needs. Still there was a necessity for a national coalition. In 1990, APA labor activists approached the AFL-CIO with a historic proposal to form a national Asian Pacific American labor group.

As a result, in 1991, the AFL-CIO Executive Council established a committee to explore the formation of a national APA labor group. The Steering Committee that was formed from this proposal included the three regional APA labor groups, representatives from the Hawaii State AFL-CIO, and representatives from the seven founding unions.

The stated goals of APALA were to create an organization, which would educate APA workers; promote political education and voter registration programs among APAs; and promote training, empowerment, and leadership of APAs within the labor movement and APA community. APALA further set out to defend and advocate for the civil and human rights of APAs, immigrants and people of color and to develop ties within international labor organizations, especially in Asia and the Pacific.

## COORDINATION

This memo was coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

cc: City Clerk